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## 1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of June, 1949, and the Year ended June, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

## 2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, are shown in the following table.

## I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING JUNE, 1949, AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 - STATES.

State	Benefits paid during June, 1949				Benefits paid during the year ended June, 1949.			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	£. 1,390	£. 24,479	£. 8,178	£. 34,047	£. 23,279	£. 302,298	£. 53,925	£. 379,502
Victoria	144	15,874	9,413	25,431	2,417	196,548	51,208	250,173
Queensland	5,811	6,584	998	13,393	99,591	118,789	10,219	228,599
S.Aust. (b)	237	6,511	2,065	8,813	580	76,620	6,828	84,028
W. Australia	374	4,725	3,224	8,323	9,986	62,569	9,845	82,400
Tasmania	177	3,289	325	3,791	2,993	39,002	3,729	45,724
TOTAL :	8,133	61,462	24,203	93,798	138,846	795,826	135,754	1,070,426

## 3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the year ended June, 1949.

## II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims admitted - Year ended June, 1949				Benefits discontinued - Year ended June, 1949.			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	2,257	25,844	8,423	36,524	2,313	25,107	7,428	34,848
Victoria	288	16,712	9,826	26,826	303	15,774	7,073	23,150
Queensland	8,455	10,608	404	19,467	8,980	10,413	378	19,771
S.Aust. (b)	124	6,729	913	7,766	114	6,655	826	7,595
W. Australia	884	6,175	1,517	8,576	989	6,063	1,290	8,342
Tasmania	118	2,796	146	3,060	114	2,792	124	3,030
TOTAL :	12,126	68,864	21,229	102,219	12,813	66,804	17,119	96,736

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

4. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months July, 1948 to June, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	18,389	2,840	83,510	18,709	102,219
1948 -									
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October	939	51	5,169	1,515	1,288	102	7,396	1,668	9,064
November	973	61	4,074	1,210	2,051	456	7,098	1,727	8,825
December	972	36	3,333	938	100	51	4,405	1,025	5,430
1949 -									
January	2,013	64	4,468	1,260	1,271	140	7,752	1,464	9,216
February	1,460	58	4,000	1,224	410	71	5,870	1,353	7,223
March	1,157	49	4,040	1,176	1,658	242	6,855	1,467	8,322
April	1,020	63	4,598	1,297	3,522	432	9,140	1,792	10,932
May	513	40	4,086	1,165	2,277	282	6,876	1,487	8,363
June	500	61	4,062	1,094	4,095	579	8,657	1,734	10,391

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	14,926	2,193	79,002	7,734	96,736
1948 -									
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October	802	76	5,429	1,563	1,404	159	7,635	1,798	9,433
November	1,012	44	4,145	1,188	1,373	266	6,530	1,498	8,028
December	501	50	3,421	978	1,142	214	5,064	1,242	6,306
1949 -									
January	1,436	61	4,096	1,259	669	90	6,201	1,410	7,611
February	1,189	59	3,895	1,088	669	98	5,753	1,245	6,998
March	1,137	55	3,941	1,108	1,089	199	6,167	1,362	7,529
April	1,570	57	4,731	1,373	2,201	263	8,502	1,693	10,195
May	1,236	42	3,619	1,074	2,381	210	7,236	1,326	8,562
June	568	38	3,374	982	2,654	295	6,596	1,315	7,911

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1946- June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947- June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948- June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
1948 -									
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October	1,075	91	7,716	2,531	715	520	9,506	3,142	12,648
November	1,036	108	7,645	2,553	1,393	710	10,074	3,371	13,445
December	1,507	94	7,557	2,513	351	547	9,415	3,154	12,569
1949 -									
January	2,084	97	7,929	2,514	953	597	10,966	3,208	14,174
February	2,355	96	8,034	2,650	694	570	11,083	3,316	14,399
March	2,375	90	8,133	2,718	1,263	613	11,771	3,421	15,192
April	1,825	96	8,000	2,642	2,584	782	12,409	3,520	15,929
May	1,102	94	8,467	2,733	2,480	854	12,049	3,681	15,730
June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	3,921	1,138	14,110	4,100	18,210

5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

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(1) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1949, AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	June, 1949				Year ended June, 1949.			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	71	397	20	488	1,743	5,408	549	7,700
1 and under 2	101	799	25	925	2,212	9,355	2,188	13,755
2 " " 3	69	724	722	1,515	1,626	8,608	3,660	13,894
3 " " 4	56	617	1,102	1,775	1,128	7,674	3,769	12,571
4 " " 5	41	476	798	1,315	808	5,883	3,317	10,008
5 " " 9	103	1,102	233	1,438	2,223	13,872	2,561	18,656
9 " " 13	65	471	72	608	1,148	6,220	426	7,794
13 " " 27	132	552	45	729	1,389	6,793	430	8,612
27 and over	19	224	16	259	536	2,991	219	3,746
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>5,362</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>9,052</b>	<b>12,813</b>	<b>66,804</b>	<b>17,119</b>	<b>96,736</b>

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during June, 1949 and the year ended June, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949  
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	June, 1949				Year ended June, 1949			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	2.89	4.18	0.53	2.86	4.18	4.48	1.28	3.87
13 " "	22.98	14.47	2.01	10.91	15.02	14.65	3.79	12.77
9 " "	32.87	23.25	4.38	17.63	23.98	23.96	6.28	20.83
5 " "	48.55	43.81	12.06	33.52	41.33	44.73	21.24	40.12
4 " "	54.79	52.69	38.37	48.04	47.64	53.53	40.61	50.46
3 " "	63.31	64.19	74.70	67.65	56.44	65.02	62.63	63.46
2 " "	73.82	77.69	98.52	84.39	69.13	77.91	84.01	77.82
1 " "	89.19	92.59	99.34	94.61	86.40	91.91	96.79	92.04
Less than 1	10.81	7.41	0.66	5.39	13.60	8.09	3.21	7.96

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	June, 1949				Year ended June, 1949.			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Unemployment	Sickness	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	344	52.36	3,013	56.19	7,046	54.99	39,848	59.65
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,797	33.51	-	-	18,596	27.83
Failure to report (a)	250	38.05	62	1.16	4,628	36.12	2,331	3.49
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	26	3.96	66	1.23	397	3.10	482	0.72
Statutory Age limit (b)	5	0.76	14	0.26	55	0.45	132	0.20
Permanent incapacity (c)	7	1.06	185	3.45	148	1.16	2,566	3.84
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	2	0.04	3	0.00	31	0.05
Death	-	-	92	1.72	7	0.05	976	1.46
Transfer to another district	9	1.37	45	0.84	169	1.32	855	1.28
Other	16	2.44	86	1.60	360	2.81	987	1.48
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,362</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>12,813</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>66,804</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

## 6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The Proportion of persons on benefit at 25th June, 1949, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 69 per 10,000 comprising 4 unemployment, 46 sickness and 19 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

### VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.

PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	5	48	20	73
Females	Per 10,000 females	2	40	16	58
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	4	46	19	69

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th June, 1949.

### VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	248	35	3,448	1,083	1,150	346	4,846	1,464	6,310
Victoria	40	11	2,548	896	2,443	480	5,031	1,387	6,418
Queensland	587	61	1,328	344	59	83	1,974	488	2,462
S.Aust. (b)	29	1	789	225	79	54	897	280	1,177
W.Australia	100	7	688	200	179	113	967	320	1,287
Tasmania	30	2	354	97	11	62	395	161	556
Total 25th June, 1949	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	3,921	1,138	14,110	4,100	18,210
Total 26th June, 1948	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727

{a} Includes Australian Capital Territory.

{b} Includes Northern Territory

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th June, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

### IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	32	33	703	666	223	161	958	860	1,818
20 - 24 "	102	34	1,099	614	682	124	1,883	772	2,655
25 - 29 "	89	9	806	316	870	117	1,765	442	2,207
30 - 34 "	86	5	759	217	582	97	1,427	319	1,746
35 - 39 "	94	14	786	229	619	151	1,499	394	1,893
40 - 44 "	110	5	865	207	415	128	1,390	340	1,730
45 - 49 "	117	11	956	256	171	159	1,244	426	1,670
50 - 54 "	115	4	984	199	48	83	1,147	286	1,433
55 - 59 "	131	2	1,177	135	33	76	1,341	213	1,554
60 years and over	158	-	1,020	6	278	42	1,456	48	1,504
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>18,210</b>

7. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JUNE, 1949, AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949, AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 25th June, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	June, 1949		Year ended		25th June,	1949
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	7	1	168	7	10	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	37	6	453	34	56	5
Power rationing ..	26	2	54	4	26	5
Shortage of materials ..	12	1	1,033	37	37	2
Strikes and lockouts ..	16	-	296	3	24	-
Seasonal Work ..	79	2	3,220	21	213	7
Casual Work ..	121	3	1,813	48	174	9
Other, including inadequately defined	97	21	2,005	197	176	29
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	70	16	1,373	210	209	37
Other, including inadequately defined	59	10	795	77	71	12
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	13	-	179	6	27	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	2	-	23	1	4	-
Other ..	3	2	47	22	7	8
TOTAL :	542	64	11,459	667	1,034	117

(ii) Industrial groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, and of those on benefit at 25th June, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	June, 1949		Year ended		25th June	1949
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	98	-	2,138	5	215	2
Other Primary Production ..	9	-	155	-	17	-
Coal Mining ..	1	-	332	-	7	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	5	-	158	-	13	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Foundry, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	67	-	1,325	20	124	2
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	8	-	142	1	17	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	9	12	107	74	15	16
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	34	5	2,198	54	117	13
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	19	1	301	2	31	1
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	24	4	398	22	36	4
Building and Construction ..	75	-	1,451	-	116	-
Transport and Communication ..	50	1	612	17	83	1
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	52	11	945	126	92	14
Finance and Property ..	4	1	71	1	8	-
Public Administration and Professional	30	5	484	80	54	7
Personal and Domestic Service ..	53	22	562	239	75	49
Other ..	4	2	80	26	14	8
TOTAL :	542	64	11,459	667	1,034	117

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th June, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.  
STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	39	4	156	1	11	4	215
Other Primary Production	2	1	12	-	2	-	17
Coal Mining	5	-	1	-	-	1	7
Other Mining and Quarrying	2	-	4	1	6	-	13
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	64	3	26	19	10	2	124
Vehicles, including Aircraft	4	2	8	1	1	1	17
Textiles and articles of dress	1	3	8	-	3	-	15
Food, Drink and Tobacco	10	3	97	-	4	3	117
Furniture, Woodwork, etc.	11	3	13	-	3	1	31
Other Factories, including heat, Light and power	15	2	15	1	2	1	36
Building and Construction	24	6	66	3	13	4	116
Transport and Communication	25	3	43	-	8	4	83
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade	18	-	56	2	13	3	92
Finance and Property	4	-	3	-	1	-	8
Public Administration and Professional	10	1	28	-	12	3	54
Personal and Domestic Service	13	8	40	1	10	3	75
Other	1	1	11	-	1	-	14
<b>TOTAL - 25th JUNE, 1949.</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,034</b>
<b>TOTAL - 26TH JUNE, 1948.</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,718</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

(iv) Metropolitan and other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the year ended June, 1949, and the persons on benefit at 25th June, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (Based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Year ended June, 1949				On Benefit at 25th June, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales(b)	393	19	1,699	146	83	7	165	28
Victoria	57	26	191	14	7	2	33	9
Queensland	1,563	125	6,486	281	143	19	444	42
South Australia(c)	49	5	68	2	8	1	21	-
Western Australia	686	25	153	20	87	5	13	2
Tasmania	74	2	40	2	17	1	13	1
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>82</b>

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949,  
AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other : Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the year ended June, 1949, and those current at 25th June, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN  
AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Year ended June, 1949				On Benefit at 25th June, 1949.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales(b)	12,001	4,404	7,926	1,513	1,977	819	1,471	264
Victoria	8,642	3,187	3,883	1,000	1,838	707	710	189
Queensland	4,233	1,215	4,376	784	691	207	637	137
South Australia(c)	4,650	1,185	793	101	700	220	89	5
Western Australia	3,138	1,039	1,720	278	497	171	191	29
Tasmania	1,114	265	1,186	231	172	52	182	45
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>33,778</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>19,884</b>	<b>3,907</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>669</b>

(a) See footnote (a) To Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory  
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th June, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH JUNE, 1949.

AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	713	14	727
Other Primary Production	172	-	172
Coal Mining	230	1	231
Other Mining and Quarrying	130	3	133
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	1,347	122	1,469
Vehicles, including Aircraft	412	18	430
Textiles and articles of dress	374	569	943
Food, Drink and Tobacco	552	127	679
Furniture, Woodwork, etc.	390	11	401
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	878	184	1,062
Building and Construction	1,475	5	1,480
Transport and Communication	853	95	948
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade	860	446	1,306
Finance and Property	53	35	88
Public Administration and Professional	267	480	747
Personal and Domestic Service	438	732	1,170
Other	11	3	14
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>12,000</b>

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during June, 1949, and the year ended June, 1949, and of those on benefit at 25th June, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING JUNE, 1949 AND THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	June, 1949		Year ended June, 1949		M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	300	86	3,894	1,124	459	184
Cancer	22	6	327	63	76	21
Other Tumours	41	39	458	342	82	82
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	322	84	3,011	919	626	224
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	22	23	240	241	50	49
Nervous System and Sense Organs	473	160	4,800	1,876	942	354
Circulatory System	425	88	4,595	760	1,064	182
Respiratory System	590	116	5,665	1,192	898	224
Digestive System	1,165	338	12,104	3,357	1,726	442
Genito-urinary System	173	142	2,138	1,324	346	259
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	140	-	1,266	-	315
Skin and Cellular Tissue	263	53	2,881	616	369	100
Bones and Organs of Movement	148	53	1,406	424	260	103
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined conditions)	76	31	876	481	130	69
Injuries and Acute Poisoning						
Fractures	658	54	5,751	572	1,389	125
Other Injuries, etc.	535	66	5,156	579	648	95
Operations (original disability not stated)	16	1	185	16	48	4
Other (including not stated)	27	6	175	50	42	13
TOTAL :	5,256	1,486	53,662	15,202	9,155	2,845

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the year ended June, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED -  
YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1949.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	6,231	3,974	29,878	4,034	8,781	358	44,890	8,366	18.64
Vic.	504	216	19,992	3,280	10,264	438	30,760	3,934	12.79
Q'ld.	14,581	6,126	12,836	2,228	605	201	28,022	8,555	30.53
S.A. (b)	3,072	2,948	8,056	1,327	1,077	164	12,205	4,439	36.37
W.A.	1,617	733	7,310	1,135	1,606	89	10,533	1,957	18.58
Tas.	172	54	3,236	440	192	46	3,600	540	15.00
TOTAL :	26,177	14,051	81,308	12,444	22,525	1,296	130,010	27,791	21.38

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory